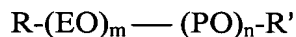


Please add the following new claim.

--22. (New) A cleansing composition, comprising:

(1) at least one foaming surfactant, (2) at least 1 % by weight of at least one hydrophilic silica, relative to the total weight of the composition, and (3) at least one oxyalkylenated compound which is selected from the group consisting of oxyethylenated compounds and oxyethylenated/oxypropylenated compounds in a physiologically acceptable aqueous medium comprising at least 35 % by weight of water, relative to the total weight of the composition, wherein the oxyalkylenated compound is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols, polyethylene glycol esters, alkoxylated alkyl derivatives of polyols, oxyalkylenated trimesters of glycerol and of fatty acids, ethoxyethylenated urethane derivatives modified with alkyl chains, polyethylene glycol ethers or polyethylene glycol/polypropylene glycol ethers which are compounds of formula:



in which $0 \leq m \leq 300$ and $0 \leq n \leq 300$ and $m + n \geq 6$, R and R' represent, independently of each other, hydrogen or a saturated or unsaturated, liner or branched, hydroxylated or non-hydroxylated aryl chain, on condition that R and R' are not simultaneously hydrogen, and mixtures thereof.--

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to require that the claimed oxyalkylenated compound be a thickening agent. Support for this amendment exists, *inter alia*, at page 3, line 25 through

page 4, line 1. Claim 22 has been added. Support for this new claim exists, *inter alia*, at pages 9-15 as well as in original claims 1 and 10-12.

Claims 1-22 are currently pending.

OBJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.75

The Office Action objected to claim 12 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 11. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection in view of the following comments.

In the application as originally filed, the formula in claim 11 differs from the formula in claim 12. Thus, claim 12 is not a duplicate of claim 11.

In the Amendment filed September 23, 2002, Applicants made minor amendments to claims 11 and 12 but did not intend to amend the formula in either claim (which is reflected by the fact that the formula in claims 11 and 12 is not underlined in the marked up copy of claims accompanying the September 23, 2002 Amendment). Thus, the formula set forth in claim 12 in the September 23, 2002 Amendment is incorrect. The correct formula in claim 12 is the formula set forth in claim 12 as originally filed.

To clarify the language of currently pending claims 11 and 12, Applicants have included these claims (as they should have appeared in the marked up copy of claims accompanying the September 23, 2002, Amendment) in the marked up copy of claims accompanying this Amendment.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 12 has been rendered moot and that this objection should be withdrawn.